

WHEREAS, by Order dated March 18, 2022 (Dkt. 160), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until May 18, 2022;

WHEREAS, by Order dated May 19, 2022 (Dkt. 162), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until July 18, 2022;

WHEREAS, by Order dated July 19, 2022 (Dkt. 164), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until October 18, 2022;

WHEREAS, by Order dated October 18, 2022 (Dkt. 166), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until December 19, 2022;

WHEREAS, by Order dated December 20, 2022 (Dkt. 168), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until April 28, 2023;

WHEREAS, by Order dated April 26, 2023 (Dkt. 170), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until June 27, 2023;

WHEREAS, by Order dated June 27, 2023 (Dkt. 173), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until August 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, by Order dated August 30, 2023 (Dkt. 175), pursuant to a further stipulation among the Parties, the Court extended the stay of litigation until October 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, during the prior stay periods, the parties reached agreement in principle on numerous aspects of a potential settlement, but they were unable to reach agreement on other issues;

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2023, the parties participated in a nine-hour mediation with Hon. S. James Otero (Ret.) of JAMS and made significant progress toward settlement, including by tentatively agreeing to certain terms;

WHEREAS, during the further stay period, the parties intend to continue working with the mediator in an attempt to resolve the outstanding issues between and among the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Parties continue to be actively engaged in good-faith in settlement negotiations, and the Parties believe it is in their best interests to extend the current stay of litigation until January 31, 2024, to allow them to conserve resources and continue to focus on furthering a potential resolution of this action.

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned counsel for Plaintiffs and SME, as follows:

1. The litigation, including any court deadlines set by this Court or the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, all discovery, and deadlines regarding the third-party defendants, shall remain stayed until January 31, 2024, at which point, if the Parties have not reached a class-wide settlement in principle, the Parties will work together to submit a stipulated case schedule for the Court's consideration.

2. This Stipulation is without prejudice to the Parties hereto agreeing, subject to Court approval, to a further extension of the stay if circumstances warrant.

3. The Parties shall report to the Court on or before the expiration of the stay regarding their progress toward resolution.

4. In the event that the Parties reach an impasse or their settlement discussions irretrievably break down, the Parties shall meet and confer in good faith as to whether ongoing discussions are expected to be fruitful and if any Party (Plaintiffs or SME) determines that such discussions are likely to be no longer productive then the Party may notify the Court after five business days of the Parties' meet and confer to request that the Court terminate the stay for good cause.


5. As noted above, the Parties made thirteen previous requests for a stay of litigation, which this Court granted. Dkts. 141, 148, 152, 154, 157, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 173, 175.

AGREED:

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 31, 2023


By: _____
Hon. Edgardo Ramos
United States District Judge